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GLASS WINGS

羽根玻璃ノ君。

Episode 1



*Is there love in this world?
Where can I find love?
Nobody knows or responds.
The answer only lies
in my own hands.*





GLASS WINGS

羽根玻璃ノ君。

Episode 1



I
DON'T
KNOW
ANY-
MORE.

DON'T
DO IT!



...MY
NAME IS
TSUBAKI.

I WILL
LOVE
YOU...

...LIKE NO
ONE EVER
HAS. I
WILL LOVE
EVERYTHING
ABOUT
YOU.



YOU ARE SO
DELICATE
THAT...

...IT'S LIKE
YOU ARE
MADE OUT
OF GLASS.

I DON'T
CARE
WHAT
HAPPENS
TO ME.

YOUR HEART IS
PURE BUT THERE
IS SOMETHING
IMPURE INSIDE
YOUR BODY...

...THAT
LEAVES
YOUR HEART
EMPTY.



I LOVE THAT
BEAUTIFUL,
DELICATE
HEART OF
YOURS.

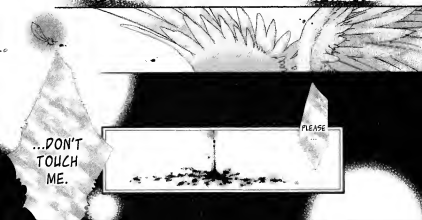
I LOVE
YOU FROM THE
BOTTOM OF
MY HEART.

IT IS
TRUE.

HOW CAN SOMETHING IMPURE BE BEAUTIFUL?



IMPURITY WEAKENS. IT WEAKENS THE MEMORY OF THAT DAY.



...DON'T
TOUCH
ME.

PLEASE
...

SLAP

OH NO,
YOU...

SPLASH!

...ARE
BLEEDING
FROM
YOUR
HAND.

NO!

?!!

MY BLOOD
IS FILTHY.

THOSE
WHO
TOUCH
IT GET
INFLAMED
AND DIE...

...FROM THE POISON.

NO.

IT IS CALLED
DEATH BLOOD.

SOMEBODY
IS THERE.

CLANK!



WHO IS
SHE?



RURIHA?

RURIHA
!!

I TOLD
YOU NOT
TO WALK
AROUND ON
YOUR OWN!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
OVER
THERE?!

I MADE
MYSELF
CLEAR!!

TSUBAKI?

GO BACK
TO YOUR
ROOM...
NOW!!

OH MY
GOD!!

PUFF



I DON'T WANT TO SEE...



...PEOPLE SUFFERING ANYMORE.





I WANT TO FEEL IT AGAIN.



KNOCK

?!

OH MY
GOD!



I NEVER FELT
THIS WAY
BEFORE. I FELT
SOMETHING
FROM DEEP
INSIDE.

A SOFT TOUCH
TO MY HEART.
WHAT IS THIS
FEELING?

hee
hee
hee

hee



WHY?



DID I
FEEL
THIS
WAY
BEFORE?

I KNEW
IT.

RURIHA?



SQUEEZE

DID SHE
COME ALL
THIS WAY
HERE BY
HERSELF?



...IN PURE
WHITE WITH
YOUR WINGS.

IN THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
DARKNESS...

...I SAW
YOU...

I FEEL
DIZZY.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
SOMEONE LIKE
ME CAN GIVE
STRENGTH TO
SOMEONE.

PLEASE
...

...SQUEEZE
ME TIGHTER.

STEP!

OH NO!

HIDE,
QUICK!

!!

I'VE BEEN
YEARNING FOR
YOU FOR A
LONG TIME.

THIS IS A
TENDER
FEELING.

I'VE
NEEDED TO
BE WITH
YOU.

I NEVER
KNEW HOW IT
FELT TO BE
NEEDED.

OKAY...

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

IT'S
GETTING
LATE. GO
TO BED.

OPEN

TSUBAKI?

IS
THERE
ANY-
BODY
THERE?!

TSUBAKI...



...I HAVE
TO DO
THIS.

DON'T
GET
CLOSE
TO ME!!



WHAT
?!



OH
MY!

THIS
DEATH
BLOOD
WILL KILL
EVEN
YOU,
TSU-
BAKI.

PLEASE.
DON'T COME
CLOSE.

I WILL
KILL YOU.

OUCH

NO!

!!

RURIHA!



STOP!

DON'T COME
CLOSE!

SPLASH!

WHAT
THE...?!

SHIT!

NOTHING IS...

NO
WAY!

...HAPPENING?



I KNEW
IT WAS
YOU!!

GRAB!

RURI-HA!!

?!



COME HERE!
I'M GOING
TO TIE YOU
UP THIS
TIME.

RURI-
HA!

HAGA-
NE!

NO!

DOES THIS
MEAN...?

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?

BUT
YOU
KNOW

...I DIDN'T
BRING IT
FOR YOU.

NO.

SIDE

POINT

DON'T
YOU
DISOBEY
ME!

...BROUGHT
YOU A LITTLE
BIRD A WHILE
AGO, RIGHT?

YES, AND
YOU TOOK
VERY
GOOD
CARE OF
IT.

I...



?!

I SEE.

THEN
YOU
LEAVE
ME NO
CHOICE.

ERR!

I AM SO
SICK OF
THIS!

I DON'T
WANT TO
BE FORCED
INTO LOVE.

!

EVERY
TIME YOU
DISOBEY ME,
JUST KNOW
RURIHA IS
GOING TO
GET IT.

YOU
KNOW

SWIPE

THAT'S
RIGHT.
JUST LIKE
THIS.

...I DON'T
CARE IF SHE
LIVES OR
DIES.



DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
NOW?

NO!



THAT'S
THE WAY
IT IS SUP-
POSED
TO BE.

AL-
THOUGH
YOUR HEAD
RESISTS

...I KNOW
YOUR BODY
CAN'T HELP
ITSELF.

BECAUSE...



...WE
ARE BORN
INTO THIS
TORTUOUS
LINEAGE
WHERE...

THE SAME
BLOOD?!

...YOU ARE
ONLY ABLE TO
LOVE THOSE
OF THE SAME
BLOOD.



?!!





SO,
JUST
GIVE
IN.



AND IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHAT I
HAVE TO DO TO
PREVAIL. I AM
GOING TO MAKE
SURE THAT YOU
ARE MINE.



BE
MINE.

NO!



THAT'S
RIGHT. I
GAVE BIRTH
TO BOTH OF
YOU.



BUT, JUST AS
YOU ONLY FEEL
ATTRACTED TO
RURIHA...



...THE ONLY
PERSON I
TRULY LOVE
IS YOU!



NO!

HOW
COME I
CAN'T
RESIST?

NO!

PLEASE
STOP!

RURIHA!!

HAGANE,
YOUR
WINGS ARE
GOING TO
BREAK.

HAGANE....!!

WHAT?!

LET
GO OF
ME.

WHAT
AM I
DOING?!

WHAT DID
YOU SAY?!

I DON'T
WANT TO LIVE A
MEANINGLESS
LIFE!

HA...

HA...

HA...

...ARE
NOT OUR
MOTHER!

you...

...WITHOUT
YOUR
SUPERFICIAL
LOVE.

I CAN
SURVIVE
...

BUT...

...BOTH
RURIHA
AND I...

...WON'T
BE ABLE TO
LIVE...

...APART.



NO.

ARE YOU
TELLING
ME...

...THAT YOU ARE
GOING TO GO
AGAINST YOUR
INSTINCTS?!

STOP!

STAND!

WAIT!!




IF YOU
TRY TO GET
CLOSER,
THERE WILL
BE NO MERCY
ON YOU!

DON'T GET
CLOSE TO
US!



I DON'T CARE...

...EVEN IF MY HEART...
...GETS SHATTERED LIKE PIECES OF GLASS.




I WILL NOT
BREAK MY
WINGS AND I
WILL PROTECT
RURIHA
WITH MY OWN
HANDS.

I AM GOING TO FIND OUR TRUE LOVE.



GLASS WINGS "Episode 1" THE END.



*Please don't feel us.
Don't touch us.
Don't notice us.
We don't care to know anything.
Just please leave us alone.*

G-I-A-S-S, W-I-N-G'S

羽根玻璃ノ君。

Episode 2



GLASS WINGS

羽根玻璃ノ君。

Episode 2





Glass Wings

...HER LOOK AS SHE WAS SCREAMING IN PAIN.

DO YOU
WANT ME
TO CALL
SOMEONE?

NO!

WE
CAN'T LET
ANYBODY
KNOW...

...THAT
WE HAVE
DEATH
BLOOD!!

まゆ

!

THOSE WHO TOUCH IT GET INFLAMED AND DIE.

WE HAVE FILTHY BLOOD.

NOT
KNOWING
WAS
BETTER
FOR ME.

...ONCE THEY
FIND OUT
ABOUT IT.

YOU ARE
BETTER OFF
NOT KNOWING
HOW PEOPLE
WILL CHANGE...

HAGANE.

YOU'RE
SWEATING
A LOT.

DO YOU
WANT SOME
WATER?

SO, LET'S
LIVE HERE
QUIETLY...

...JUST
THE TWO
OF US...

...FOR-
EVER.



STEP!



UHM.



WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?





WOW!

BOW



HE'S SO
CUTE.



I DIDN'T
GET YOUR
NAME YET.

YEAH...
I PICKED
HIM UP
EARLIER.

IF YOU
WANT HIM,
YOU CAN
HAVE HIM.

Here
you go.

?



!!

WHERE
DO YOU
LIVE?

YOU LOOK
EXACTLY LIKE
SOMEONE I
KNOW.

UHM.

UHHHH...



I
CAN'T...

DASH!

TOSS!



NO CATCH
TODAY?

HAPPY
NOW?



HA HA!
YOU'RE
GETTING
PRETTY
GOOD AT
THIS.



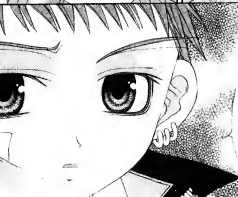
WHERE
THE HELL
HAVE YOU
BEEN...

...KAZUSA?



THERE
WAS A GIRL
NEAR THE
SWAMP.

DO YOU
KNOW OF
ANYBODY
LIVING
AROUND
THERE?





I HEARD
THAT SOMEONE
RECENTLY
MOVED THERE.

YEAH.

But...

...THEY SEEM TO
STAY OUT OF OUR
WAY, SO ALL THE
VILLAGERS JUST
LEAVE THEM
ALONE.

I'M
GOING
TO MY
SISTER'S.

HEY!
WHERE
ARE YOU
HEADING
NOW?





LOOK. ISN'T
THIS BUNNY
CUTE?



HE'S SO
TAME.

.....
?

HEY.

YOU'RE
BACK!



RURIHA...



OH.

Squeeze



WHM...

WHY DOES
SHE LOOK SO
MUCH LIKE
HER?

YOU LOOK
SO MUCH LIKE
THE GIRL THAT
I WILL NEVER
BE ABLE TO
APOLOGIZE TO.



CRACK!

I
FINALLY
FOUND
YOU!



WHAT?!



...THE LOOK
OF HER
SCREAMING
IN PAIN.

I WILL
NEVER
FORGET...

WHAT?

YOU KILLED
MY SISTER
WITH YOUR
BLOOD.

LOAD!

DIE!

!!

YOU ARE THE
MONSTER FROM
THAT DAY!!





God!
SHIT!

WHY?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS.

DOES
SOMEONE ELSE
POSSESS THE
DEATH BLOOD,
TOO?

AH...

N000000!

I HAVE
BEEN
LOOKING
FOR YOU
FOR A LONG
TIME.

YOU KILLED
THE ONLY
FAMILY I
HAD.

I HATE
YOU!

MOVE
AWAY!

I'M GOING
TO KILL THAT
GIRL!

I AM
KAZUSA.

LOAD

I AM THE
BROTHER OF
THE GIRL YOU
KILLED.



NO.

I'M
WARNING
YOU.

DON'T BRING
RURIHA INTO
THIS!

WHAT?

DID YOU
JUST SAY
YOU ARE
GOING TO
MAKE ME
PAY?

I'M THE
ONE YOU
WANT, SO
JUST KILL
ME!

IF YOU
TRY TO KILL
RURIHA...

...YOU
WILL PAY!!



HAGANE!

RURIHA?!



PLEASE...
RUN!

OTHERWISE,
YOU'RE
GOING TO
GET KILLED,
TOO.

!!



HA! YOU
MAKE ME
LAUGH!

I'M
GOING TO
SEE THAT YOU
STRUGGLE
WITH THE
SAME PAIN I
EXPERIENCED

THE PAIN
OF LOSING
SOMEONE
ESSENTIAL
TO YOU!!!

KAZUSA

RURIHA...

SHIT! SHE'S
LOSING TOO
MUCH BLOOD TO
MAKE IT.

KAZUSA?



WHY?

THERE ARE
MANY BAD
PEOPLE
WHO ARE
STRUGGLING,
TOO.

PROMISE
ME THAT YOU'LL
ALWAYS BE NICE
TO THOSE WHO
ARE STRUGGLING.



I WANT
YOU TO BECOME
SOMEONE THAT
WILL BE ABLE
TO SEE THAT,
OKAY?

...THEY ARE
STRUGGLING WITH
THEMSELVES FOR
DOING BAD DEEDS.

I KNOW.
BUT THAT
IS ONLY
BECAUSE...



...COME BACK
TO YOU IN
THE FORM OF
FULFILLMENT
IN YOUR LIFE.

AND ONE
DAY YOUR
KIND
GESTURE
WILL...



YOU WERE
NICE TO THEM
AND GOT
KILLED?

...
FUL-
FILL-
MENT
?

IS THAT
REALLY
FULFILLMENT,
SISTER?!



I'M
SORRY.

ERR?!

!!



HE DIED,
TOO.

I'M
SORRY.

I...

...I
DIDN'T
MEAN
TO...

KAZUSA...

SISTER!

ERR!!

SHIT!

SHOOT!

DON'T,
KAZUSA!

DIE!!

ERRR

GLARE

?!!

you!

KAZUSA!



UH

NO!

NO!

I ENDED UP KILLING...

I TOLD
YOU TO
NOT DO
IT!

WHY
THE HELL
DID YOU
PULL THE
TRIGGER?

...THAT GIRL'S BROTHER, TOO!

SPIT!



KAZU-
SA!



.....

.....

NOT FAR FROM
HERE, THERE IS
A PURPLE HERB
GROWING.

IF YOU USE
IT, YOU MAY
BOTH BE ABLE
TO STOP THE
BLEEDING.

?!

YOU THINK
I'M BEING
GENEROUS
RIGHT NOW,
RIGHT?

HA
HA!

KAZUSA,
WHY?

I'M NOT BEING
MAGNANIMOUS.

...THAT YOU'LL
LIVE WITH
YOUR GUILT
FOREVER AND
EVER...

I'M MAKING
SURE...

...FOR BOTH
MY SISTER
AND ME.

KAZUSA!!



THIS IS
MY...

...REVENGE.



GLASS WINGS "Episode 2" THE END.



Then, the sun
became dark and
the moon became
the color of blood.

GLASS WINGS

羽根玻璃ノ君。

First Episode



GLASS WINGS

羽根玻璃ノ君。

Final
Episode



RURIHA!

I DON'T
WANT TO
LOSE YOU.

WHAT IS
THE POINT
OF LIVING IF
YOU'RE NOT
WITH ME?

BUT...?

IS
THIS...?

HAGANE...

THIS IS YOUR
PUNISHMENT.



NO MATTER
HOW FAR YOU
RUN AWAY, I
WILL FIND YOU.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU
EVEN THOUGHT
ABOUT TRYING
TO RUN AWAY
WITH RURIHA.

YOU
MUST
BE OUT
OF YOUR
MIND!

AND...

...
ONE
DAY

...SHE
MAY
BETRAY
YOU.



I WON'T
HEAR IT!

RURI...

HA?

UNTIE ME
FROM THIS
CHAIR.

SURE.



TAKE
THIS AS
TRUTH.

IT MAY BE FINE
NOW BECAUSE
SHE KNOWS
ONLY YOU.

BUT SHE MAY
MEET SOMEONE
ELSE IN THE
FUTURE AND
BETRAY YOU.

UNTIE

THAT IS
IF...

...YOU CAN
PROMISE ME
THAT YOU
WILL BE MINE
FOREVER.

T S U E A K I !

I WILL
PROMISE
YOU...

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?

...THAT I WILL
LOVE ONLY
YOU THE REST
OF MY LIFE.

I...

UUU
...

TWIST

!!

...DON'T
WANT
TO LIVE
WITHOUT
YOU.

TSUBAKI!!

STOP!

WHAT?

WHAT?!



HAGANE!!

TSUBAKI!

YOUR BODY
IS FILLED
WITH YOUR
INSTINCTIVE
BLOOD.

THERE IS
NO WAY YOU
CAN RESIST
ME.

I'M LOSING
CONSCIOUSNESS...



RURIHA?!

HAGANE?!

OUCH!

STOP!

AHH

I FREED
HIM FROM
THAT PAIN.

HE DELIBER-
ATELY WENT
AGAINST HIS
INSTINCTIVE
BLOOD.

YOU HAVE NO
IDEA HOW MUCH
IT HURTS TO
BETRAY YOUR
INSTINCTIVE
BLOOD.

WHAT DO
YOU KNOW?

HE
LOOKS LIKE
SHATTERED
GLASS.

HAGANE!!

I TOOK
AWAY THAT
IDEA FROM
HIM.



NO.

HAGANE!

PUSH!



RURIHA!
STEP BACK!

THUMP

NO!

NO... YOU
CAN'T DO
THIS TO
HIM!

WHAT?!

THIS
MANSION IS
LIKE A BIRD
CAGE.

IT'S AS
IF YOU
CLIPPED
OFF OUR
WINGS AND
LOCKED US
IN HERE.

HE'S
IN
PAIN.

STOP
HURTING
HIM!



WHAT
?!

IT'S ONLY
HAGANE...

I
BELIEVE
IN...

...HIM.

...
WHO IS
PURE
WHITE
...

...LIKE
THE
WINGS.

HE WILL
DESTROY
THIS BIRD
CAGE!!

SQUEEZE!

?!
A
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X
Y
Z

NO!!

YOU!

SPLASH

RURIHA!

COME!

IF YOU
WOULD
HAVE JUST
LISTENED
TO ME...

...I
WOULD'VE
LET YOU
LIVE.

NO!

GRAB

GRAB

NO!

RURIHA

DIE!

AHH!

HAGA-
RE...

HAGANE
!!!

?!!

RURIHA
!!!

SQUEEZE

CRA
SH



RURIHA...



GRAB

!!

RURIHA!!

ERR

I PROMISE--
I WILL NEVER
LET YOU GO
AGAIN!

...I
AM SO
SORRY.



TSUBAKI.

IF YOU
REALLY LOVE
ME...

...YOU WILL
GRAB MY
HAND RIGHT
NOW!

WHAT?



...IT DOESN'T
MATTER WHO
RURIHA ENDS
UP LOVING.

MY HANDS
ARE
FILTHY...

...AND ONLY
RURIHA WILL
BANDAGE THOSE
HANDS.

I'VE
REALIZED
...

I'M GOING
TO LOVE
RURIHA FOR
THE REST OF
MY LIFE.



I FINALLY
FOUND
TRUE
LOVE.



I AM
GOING TO
LIVE WITH
RURIHA...

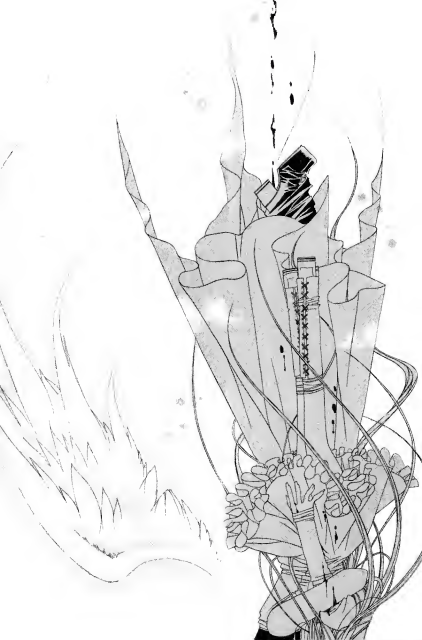


...THE REST
OF MY LIFE.



WHAT
...

HAGANE
!!!









I AM
NOT
GIVING
YOU
UP!!

SPLASH

AHH.

AHH.

AHH.



TSUBAKI.

RU...

RURI-
HA...

Ahh
OH MY
GOD!!

EVERY-
THING IS
GOING TO
BE OKAY.

WE ARE
NOT...

...ALONE
ANYMORE.

THIS SOFT FEELING DEEP INSIDE MY HEART...

...IS THE ONE THING I
HAVE BEEN SEARCHING
FOR.

THE WARMTH THAT COMES FROM THIS LITTLE HAND.

CLASS WINGS "Final Episode" THE END.

LIVING HUMAN BLOOD LEADS TO INFLAMED DEATH.

THE DEAD, VACANT EYES.

BURIED IN THE SILENCE OF DARKNESS.

THE INFLAMMATION IS THE DEMON'S MEAL.



DON'T
LOOK
AT ME.



DON'T
LOOK AT ME
WITH THOSE
VACANT EYES
AS IF YOU ARE
BLAMING ME.



DON'T
LOOK
AT
ME!!

螢火蟲
FIREFLY



螢人蟲

FIREFLY



IF WE DON'T
EAT HUMANS,
OUR BODIES
GET SPOILED.
I TRIED
EXPLAINING
IT TO HIM SO
MANY TIMES,
BUT HE
DIDN'T
WANT TO
HEAR
ME.

HE'S THE
SAME AS
US. HE'S A
FREAK.

YUINNE
RAN
AWAY?

I KNEW HE
WOULD RUN
AWAY ONE
DAY.

WELL...

...WHATEVER
HIS REASON, HE
RAN AWAY. HE'S
A TRAITOR.

NO MATTER
WHERE HE GOES,
AS SOON AS
PEOPLE SEE THE
TATTOO, THEY
WILL KNOW HE IS
A FREAK.

AND
WHEN THAT
HAPPENS, HE
KNOWS WHAT
HE HAS TO GO
THROUGH.

WE
HAVE TO GO
AWAY WITH
YUINNE.



EXCUSE
ME?

CRACK

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

THERE'S A
COTTAGE
NEAR HERE
THAT IS NEVER
OCCUPIED.

WHY DON'T
YOU REST
THERE FOR A
LITTLE BIT?

NO.

DON'T
TOUCH
ME!!!

I'M SO
SORRY. I
WAS JUST
A LITTLE
STARTLED.

I'M MIA.
WHAT'S YOUR
NAME?

YUINNE.

NO.

...BUT
PLEASE
DON'T
TOUCH
ME.

AHH.

I AM
SORRY...



OH, WH...
DID THAT
DEER DIE
NATURALLY?

IT'S
DRIED DEER
MEAT. YOU
HAVEN'T
EATEN, HAVE
YOU?

OKAY.
HERE.
HAVE
THIS.

NO WAY.
MY GRAND-
FATHER
KILLED IT.



...
DELIB-
ERATE-
LY?

SO YOU
KILLED
A LIVE
ANIMAL
...

THOSE EYES--THE DEAD, VACANT EYES.



BUT...

IT'S OKAY.
PLEASE
JUST LEAVE
ME ALONE!

I DON'T MEAN
TO BE RUDE,
BUT PLEASE,
JUST GO!!

I ONLY
EAT THINGS
THAT DIED
OF NATURAL
CAUSES.

IF
THAT'S
THE CASE,
I DON'T
THINK I
WANT IT.

THAT'S
GOOD

I WAS A BIT
WORRIED,
LEAVING YOU
YESTERDAY.

SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING.

SHE DOESN'T
KNOW THAT I'M
A FREAK.

COME,
YUINNE.

HK
I'LL
INTRO-
DUCE
YOU TO
EVERY-
BODY IN
THE VIL-
LAGE.

HEY,

THIS
IS THE
VILLAGE
TEMPLE.

HELLO.

ARE YOU
FEELING
A BIT
BETTER
NOW?

THAT'S
ALL RIGHT.
SHE'S
BETTER
OFF NOT
GETTING
INVOLVED
WITH ME
ANYWAY.

YEAH.

YOU CAME
AGAIN?



WHAT'S
WRONG,
YUINNE?

?!

EVERYBODY
FROM THE
VILLAGE COMES
HERE TO PRAY,
INCLUDING ME.

?

THE HOLY TEMPLE...

THE HOLY AIR CHOKES THE DEMON'S NECK.



OH MY GOD!
I'M SORRY!
IT'S BECAUSE I
FORCED YOU TO
COME HERE!

I'M
SORRY,
YUINNE.

I CAN'T
BREATHE

I CAN'T BREATHE. I CAN'T STAY HERE.

THE HOLY AIR IS PUTTING AN END TO THE DEMON'S BREATH.



THIS IS
FOR YOU.

SO
THAT
YOUR
HEART
WILL
BE...

...LOVED
AND
PROTECTED.

SO I
WON'T
NEED
IT.

THE HOLY
GOD WHO LOVES
EVERYBODY AND
EVERYTHING
UNCONDITIONALLY
WILL ALWAYS LIVE
IN MY HEART.

WAIT
...

...THIS IS
YOURS,
RIGHT?

IT'S
NOT
FAIR!

SHIT!

I DELIBERATELY
TOOK HER LIFE
AWAY...PLEASE
DON'T.

PLEASE
DON'T.

DON'T
LOOK AT
ME THAT
WAY.

THIS SMELL REMINDS ME...

IF
THERE IS
A HOLY
GOD WHO
LOVES
EVERY-
BODY AND
EVERY-
THING
UN-
CONDI-
TIONAL-
LY...

...WHY?!!
WHY WAS I
BORN AS A
FREAK?!



IT'S BAD
ENOUGH
I'M A
FREAK.

IF IT
MEANS I
HAVE TO
LIVE WITH
THOSE
EYES...

...THEN I
REFUSE TO
DESIRE THE
CORPSE
MEAT.

INSTEAD,
HE DECIDED
TO TORTURE
ME UNTIL MY
DEATH.

BUT
GOD WAS
SUPPOSED
TO WRAP HIS
WARM ARMS
AROUND ME.



I CAN'T
TAKE IT.

I WISH HE WOULD JUST ...

... STOP MY BREATH SO THAT I CAN DIE.



THAT
MOMENT THAT
FRESH BLOOD
IS SPOILED BY
DEATH--THAT IS
WHEN YOU WANT
IT THE MOST.

THAT LONG-
ANTICIPATED
CORPSE BLOOD
GIVES YOU LIFE!
DOES HE THINK HE
CAN CHANGE HIS
DESTINY?

HA
HA!

I WONDER
IF THEY ARE
DOING THIS
AS A LESSON
TO ME FOR MY
BETRAYAL?!



IT'S THE FREAKS.



WHO IN
THEIR
RIGHT
MIND
COULD DO
SUCH A
THING?

HOW CAN
SOMEONE
UNEARTH ALL
THESE GRAVES
AND EAT THE
CORPSES IN A
NIGHT?

MOVE.
LET ME
SEE!





IF I CONTINUE TO STAY IN THIS VILLAGE...
...I KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO START
TO KILL VILLAGERS.



THEY
DON'T
UNEARTH
AND EAT
CORPSES
ONLY TO
SURVIVE.

IT'S LIKE
A DRUG TO
THEM.

THEY YEARN FOR
BLOOD THAT IS
SPOILED BY DEATH
AND LONG FOR THAT
MOMENT WHEN THEY
CAN DEVOUR THEIR
DOSE OF CORPSE
BLOOD.



I HAVE
TO GET OUT
OF THIS
VILLAGE.

...I
CAN'T
STAY
HERE
ANY-
MORE.

I
CAN'T



I'M
LOSING
POWER.

Ahh
...

IF I COULD
JUST FIND
SOMETHING
THAT DIED
OF NATURAL
CAUSES...

FLOP

IF I
PICK IT UP
NOW, I
MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
SAVE IT,
BUT...

A BABY
BIRD? I'LL
BET IT
FELL FROM
THE NEST.



...IF I JUST
LEAVE IT,
IT WILL
EVENTUALLY
DIE FOR SURE.

?!

FLOP
FLOP
FLOP!

!!

...WAS EATING
A RAW DEAD
BIRD. HE WAS
EATING IT RAW
WITH ALL THE
FEATHERS!!

THAT RECLUSE
WHO HAS
BEEN LIVING IN
THAT COTTAGE
OUTSIDE THE
VILLAGE...

HE'S A
MONSTER
!!



NOW THAT
WE KNOW
WHAT HE IS,
WE CAN'T
JUST LET
HIM BE!!

?!



HE WAS
PROBABLY
LIVING BY EATING
HELPLESS BIRDS
AND CORPSES
FROM THE
GRAVEYARD!

I'LL BET
THAT KID
IS ONE
OF THOSE
FREAKS!

STOP!

WHAT
ARE YOU
PLANNING
ON DOING
TO HIM?!



COME
OUT, YOU
FREAK!!



I'M GOING
TO PUT
AN END TO
THIS!

LOOK!
HE'S GOT
THE FREAK'S
TATTOO!

NO.
YUINNE!

DON'T
COME
NEAR ME!



MIA...

?!?



I'M
GETTING
TIRED OF
WAITING,
YUINNE.

NAKIRI!!

IT LOOKS
TO ME LIKE
YOUR BODY
IS CRAVING
CORPSES, AM
I RIGHT?

BUT I'M
NOT SURE
HOW MUCH
LONGER
YOU'RE
GOING TO
LAST LIKE
THIS.

I'M GLAD
TO SEE YOU
LOOKING
NICE AND
HEALTHY.

YOU
GUYS
ARE ALL
MESS'D
UP!
DON'T
YOU GET
IT? YOU
GUYS
ARE ALL
DEMENTED!

WHY DID
YOU NEED
TO KILL
HER?!

SHUT
UP!

HA.

YUINNE,
YOU'RE
TALKING OUT
OF YOUR
ASS!



BUT WHO
WOULD EVER
TRULY WELCOME
YOU OTHER THAN
US? HUH?

LISTEN! YOU
CAN HATE US
AS MUCH AS
YOU LIKE. I
DON'T CARE.



WOULD IT BE
THAT GIRL YOU
HAVE BEEN
LYING TO?!



OR WOULD
IT BE GOD?!
HUMANS?! AREN'T
YOU FORGETTING
THAT THOSE ARE
THE ONES THAT
TRIED TO
KILL YOU?

?!



ANSWER ME,
YUINNE!!

WHO
WOULD GIVE
LOVE AND
COMFORT
TO YOU?!

I WANT
TO KNOW
WHO ON
EARTH
WOULD
TAKE IN
A FREAK
LIKE
YOU?!

WUH!!

ARE
YOU
CRAVING
A
DOSE?

ARE
YOU IN
PAIN?

IS THIS
CORPSE
WHAT
YOU NEED
TO STAY
ALIVE?

FREE
YOURSELF
FROM THE
HUNGER!!

NOW, YOU
SHOULD TAKE
THIS GIRL
AND EAT HER
CORPSE.

THIS
GIRL
WAS
GIVEN
TO
US.

AND
THERE'S
NOTHING
ANYONE
CAN DO
ABOUT
IT.



Ahh

Ahh

Ahh

Ahh

Ahh

ERR.

SMIRK

WHAT?!

YOU'VE
GOT
TO BE
KIDDING
ME,
NAKIRI.

MY BODY
MAY BE
CONQUERED
BY THE
DEMON...

...BUT MY
HEART IS
NOT!

YOU'RE
RIDICULOUS.
YOU MAKE
ME PUKE.

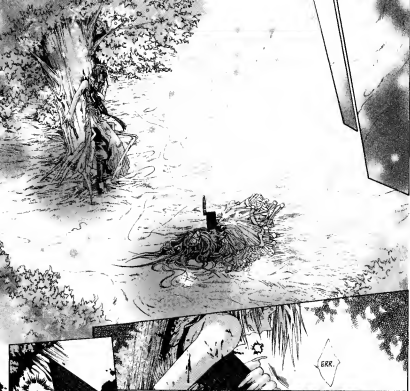
HUH
?!

THIS ISN'T
THE END.

THE REST
OF MY KIND
WILL PURSUE
YOU UNTIL YOU
COMPLETELY
TURN TO ASH.
AND I WILL
RETURN!

JUST
BECAUSE I
WAS STABBED
WITH THAT
HOLY ICON,
DON'T THINK
YOU CAN KILL
ME.

I WILL
RETURN OVER
AND OVER TO
KILL YOU!!



MIA!



HOLY
GOD, WHO
TORTURES
ME WITH HIS
WARMTH...

...I DON'T
CARE WHAT
HAPPENS TO
ME ANYMORE.



WHY?!



IF YOU
TAKE THE
LOVE IN
MY HEART
AWAY,
THERE IS
NO REASON
FOR ME TO
LIVE.

I SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
THE ONE TO
GO.

MY SUFFERING IS EXPLODING PAIN!



THAT SMILE
THAT WELCOMED
ME DESPITE
WHAT I AM...

BUT,
PLEASE
ALLOW
ME...

...JUST
ONE MORE
TIME.

ALLOW ME
TO SEE THAT
PURE SMILE
OF HER'S FOR
ONE LAST
TIME.



DO YOU
KNOW...

...THAT
SENSATION
WHEN
YOU FEEL
HAPPINESS

...

DO YOU
KNOW
THAT
PLACE?

...AND
LAUGH-
TER?

THAT
PLACE
THAT IS
WARMTH?

THAT PLACE
THAT BRINGS
YOU THE
STRENGTH
TO LIVE?

PLEASE
...

PLEASE
STOP
HURTING
YOURSELF.

WHAT
?!



YOU
HAVE TO
GO THERE.

YOU MAY
NOT KNOW
THIS NOW,
BUT IT IS IN
YOU.

IT
HAS
...

...ALWAYS
BEEN THERE
IN YOUR
HEART.



...

THEN IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
...

...WHERE
I AM
NOW.

AS LONG AS I KNOW THAT PLACE IS IN MY HEART ...

...ONE DAY I HOPE TO GET THERE...

☆FIREFLY☆THE END

姫紫苑

THE PRINCESS

YOU LOOK
EXACTLY
LIKE HER.



AHH.

COME.





姫紫苑

JION PRINCESS



SHE HAS BEEN
UNCONSCIOUS
SINCE LAST
NIGHT AND IT
DOESN'T APPEAR
THAT SHE IS
COMING BACK.

SIR.

IT DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE
MS. YURA'S
CONDITION
IS GETTING
BETTER.



REALLY?

SIR.

I HAVE
WONDERFUL
NEWS FOR YOU.
I FINALLY FOUND
WHAT YOU HAVE
BEEN LOOKING
FOR.



YURA
...

IF
SOMETHING
EVER HAPPENED
TO YOU, I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I'D DO.



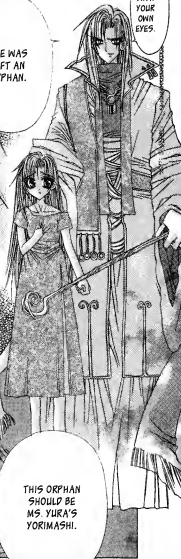
SHE WAS
LEFT AN
ORPHAN.

LOOK
WITH
YOUR
OWN
EYES.

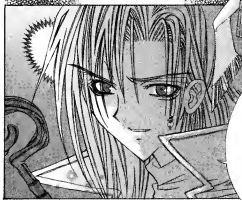
SHE LOOKS
EXACTLY LIKE
MS. YURA. SHE
IS ALMOST LIKE A
TWIN, WOULDN'T
YOU SAY?



!



THIS ORPHAN
SHOULD BE
MS. YURA'S
YORIMASHI.





A YORIMASHI IS
SOMEONE WHO
HAS THE DUTY
TO TAKE ALL OF
ONE'S SICKNESS
AND BAD LUCK
TO HERSELF.

Oh...

PLEASE,
LOOK
WITH
YOUR
OWN
EYES.

WE CAN
TRANSFER ALL
HER SICKNESS
AND BAD LUCK
TO THIS ONE.

!

WEL-
COME
BACK,
MS.
YURA.

UHH.

MS. YURA
HAS
AWAKENED!

IT'S A
MIRACLE!

I AM THE PROPERTY OF
YOUR PEOPLE...



...FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.



WHO ARE
YOU?

I AM YURA'S YOKIMASHI.



SOYOGI.





I AM
TRAPPED IN
THIS CAGE,
AS YOUR
YORIMASHI.

I AM ALL YOURS TO HAVE.

...
ACCORDING
TO MY
DOCTOR,
WHO SET
THIS
SPELL...

A
YORIMASHI
IS NOT
BELIEVED TO
BE HUMAN IN
THIS WORLD.

SOYOGI...

THAT'S WHY
NONE OF MY
MAIDS EVER
TALK TO YOU.
HAVEN'T YOU
NOTICED?

YEAH.

BASICALLY,
YOU ARE
CONSIDERED
AS THE
INSTRUMENT
FOR THE
SPELL.

IF PEOPLE
CONSIDER
YOU HUMAN,
THE EFFECT
OF THE SPELL
DIMINISHES.



I AM
YURA'S
OTHER
HALF?

I'M AN
EXCEPTION
BECAUSE
YOU'RE MY
OTHER HALF!

BUT YURA
SPEAKS
WITH ME,
RIGHT?



WOW.

OH
NO.



コエ

...
SOYOGI.

YOU
GO
GET
IT.

BUT
...

MY
RIBBON...

AHH.

NO?!

JUST
GO GET
IT!

WHAT?
ARE YOU
GOING TO
DISOBEY
MY
ORDER?!



SHINOBU,
WHY ON
EARTH DID
YOU MAKE
SOYOGI MY
YORIMASHI?

A YORIMASHI
IS A MERE
SCAPEGOAT.

609!

YOU
SUCK AT
EVERYTHING
YOU DO!

SHINO-
BU?

WHY IS
NOBODY
TALKING TO
SOYO? IS
IT BECAUSE
I AM A
YORIMASHI?

A YORIMASHI
HAS TO LOOK
LIKE THE
MASTER FOR
THE BEST
EFFECT.



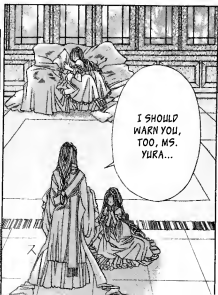
AND THEN
WAIT FOR
THAT DAY WE
NO LONGER
NEED YOU.



ALL YOU
HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT IS
OWNING ALL MS.
YURA'S BAD LUCK
AND SICKNESS.

PLEASE
EXCUSE
ME NOW.

...IT IS BEST
FOR YOU
NOT TO GET
TOO CLOSE
WITH YOUR
YORIMASHI.



I SHOULD
WARN YOU,
TOO, MS.
YURA...

WOW.

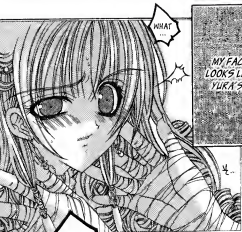
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
HIM?

INSIDE
YURA'S
EYES...

WHO
CARES
HOW I
TREAT
YOU?

AFTER ALL,
YOU ARE MY
OTHER HALF,
YOU KNOW.

...I CAN SEE MY
REFLECTION.



WHAT

MY FACE
LOOKS LIKE
YURA'S?

4...



WE REALLY
DO...

...LOOK
ALIKE.



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING...?

!!

DON'T
YOU DARE
TOUCH ME!!



YOU
ARE
TOO
FOR-
WARD.

DON'T
YOU EVER
TOUCH MY
FACE!!

SHE IS ALWAYS
LIKE THIS.

...ALWAYS ANGRY WITH ME.

YURA IS...

...I DON'T
CARE. I AM
CONTENT.

BUT
...

I WANT
TO BE
CONNECTED
TO HER
FOREVER.

SOYOGI

I NEED
TO TALK
TO YOU.

SO I DON'T CARE WHETHER SHE HATES ME.

YURA IS
THE ONLY
PERSON
WHO
TREATS
ME LIKE A
HUMAN.

THAT'S
ALL I EVER
WANTED.



YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO
BELIEVE THIS.

I HAVE A
FIANCÉ THAT
HAS BEEN
ARRANGED
FOR ME SINCE
I WAS BORN.

I HAVE TO STAY
AT A MONASTERY
FOR A WHILE IN
ORDER TO BECOME
HIS WIFE.

SO I AM
GOING TO
HAVE TO SAY
GOODBYE TO
YOU FOR NOW.

?!




THAT'S
RIGHT!

GOODBYE...?



!!

ONCE I'M GONE,
YOU WON'T HAVE
ANYBODY AROUND
TREATING YOU
LIKE CRAP.

I KNOW
YOU ARE!



YOU'RE
HAPPY,
AREN'T
YOU?

TELL ME
HOW HAPPY
YOU ARE I'M
LEAVING!

JUST
ADMIT
IT.

I CAN'T
LIVE
WITHOUT
YOU.

PLEASE!
YOU
LIAR!

I'M
TELLING
THE
TRUTH.

WANTS
TO STAY
WITH
YURA.

SOYO

...

NO.

.....

...DECEITFUL
NATURE!!

I JUST
HATE
YOUR...

PULL

YOU JUST
THINK IF YOU
CRY, YOU
CAN GET
AWAY WITH
ANYTHING,
DON'T
YOU?!

UHH!!

YU...
YURA
?

STOP!

I REALLY DON'T WANT TO SAY GOODBYE TO HER.

YURA?!

ACK!

MY HEAD IS
ABOUT TO
EXPLODE!

OH MY
GOD!

MS. YURA
IS HAVING
AN ATTACK
AGAIN!!

BAM

OH MY
GOD!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON
HERE?!



YOU WERE
WITH HER!
HOW COULD
YOU LET THIS
HAPPEN?

YOU'RE
USELESS!!



YURA.

DON'T
LEAVE
ME.

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT I
WOULD
DO IF YOU
LEFT ME.

WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DO NOW?

SO...

...I HEARD
YOU'RE AN
ORPHAN. IS
THAT TRUE?

?!
I DON'T
KNOW



THE MORE
MISERABLE
WE MAKE
THIS ONE,
THE HAPPIER
MS. YURA
BECOMES.

APPARENTLY,
IT DOESN'T
MATTER HOW
MUCH YOU
BEAT UP A
YORIMASHI.

AHH.

YOU USED
TO LIVE LIKE
ROYALTY, LIKE
MS. YURA,
RIGHT?

EVERY-
BODY
KNOWS
NOW.

BUT YOU
ALWAYS GOT ON
MY NERVES!

I DON'T
FEEL
ANYTHING
ANYMORE.

SO BASICALLY,
IF WE HURT
HER, IT'S LIKE
WE'RE SAVING
MS. YURA,
RIGHT?

SPLASH.

I DON'T
EVEN FEEL
PAIN ANYMORE
WITHOUT YURA
IN MY LIFE.

IF THINGS
CONTINUE THIS
WAY, I WILL END
UP BECOMING A
DOLL AND BEING
DESTROYED.

I DON'T FEEL
ANYTHING. I
DON'T EVEN
HAVE TEARS
LEFT.

I WANT
TO SEE
YURA SO
THAT SHE
CAN LOOK
AT ME.

THEN...

I MISS
YURA.



...I'LL BE ABLE TO...

...JUST COMPLETELY LET GO AND CRY.

MS. YURA
LEFT TO
GO TO THE
MONASTERY,
BUT HAS
RETURNED...

...BECAUSE
SHE WASN'T
FEELING
WELL.

OH
MY GOD!
YURA IS
BACK?!

WAKE UP.



YURA?

MS. YURA
WOULD LIKE
TO SEE YOU.



I'M
COMING
NOW.

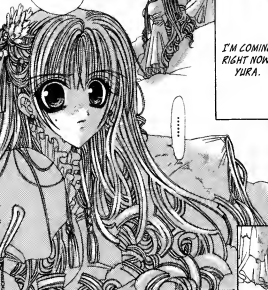
WELL...

...TODAY
WILL BE YOUR
FIRST AND
LAST CHANCE
TO SEE HER.

I BROUGHT
SOYOGI.

I'M COMING
RIGHT NOW,
YURA.

?!



THERE
YOU
ARE.





WHAT IS
THIS?



COME TO
ME.

IT FEELS
STRANGE.

I CAN'T FIGURE
OUT WHAT FEELS
DIFFERENT, BUT
SOMETHING
DEFINITELY IS.

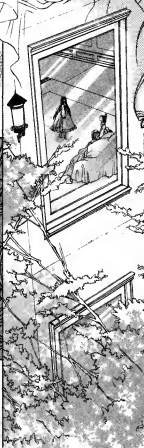
WHY DO I FEEL
SO ANXIOUS
WHEN I SEE
YURA?

IT ALMOST
FEELS LIKE I
DON'T KNOW
HER.



THAT'S
IT!

THERE IS NO
WAY YURA
WOULD BE THIS
SWEET TO ME!!





SOYOGI
?

IF SHE IS REALLY YURA...

...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE MY
REFLECTION IN HER EYES.

THAT'S
BRIGHT!

LIKE I AM
LOOKING IN
A MIRROR.

y-
you...

I
WONDER
...



...IF SHE
IS REALLY
YURA.

I SHOULD
BE ABLE TO SEE
THAT MY FACE
LOOKS EXACTLY
LIKE YURA'S.



YOU'RE
NOT
YURA!!

SOYOGI?!



SHE'S
NOT HOW I
REMEMBER
HER.



WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?
IT'S ME,
SOYOGI!!



SHE'S NOT
MY YURA. I
KNOW IT.

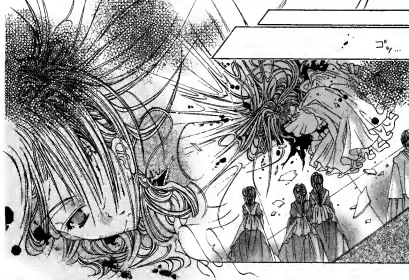


NO.



STOP!







AHH.

ACTUAL-
LY...

...THE
TRUTH IS...

HOW
COULD
YOU?

I'M SAYING
I'M SORRY.
CAN'T YOU
HEAR ME?



...I REALLY HAD
FEELINGS FOR
YOU.



YURA.
IT'S
OKAY
NOW.

THESE TEARS ARE THE PROOF OF...

...MY EXISTENCE.

AND YOUR
TEARS WILL
GENTLY FILL
UP...

...BOTH
OF OUR
HEARTS.

☆JION PRINCESS☆THE END.

*P*ostscript





IT'S MUCH EASIER TO THINK OF THE STORY.

Postscript drafts that were rejected... (True.)

THEY GAVE ME FIVE PAGES FOR THE POSTSCRIPT BUT...

...WHAT ON EARTH AM I SUPPOSED TO WRITE?

うん

THIS IS MY FIRST BOOK, PUBLISHED TWO YEARS AFTER MY DEBUT. I AM MORE SURPRISED THAN ANYBODY ELSE.

I AM MISUZU ASAOKA.

HOLA, SENORITA!

DESK



My friend asked me to help her with making a little magazine. So basically that's what I was doing until my debut.

I am already in my 20s...



Developed a monthly manga with friends.



Got into making a picture storybook.

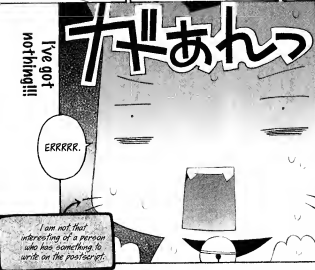


Now looking back, my life has always been about writing books.

Ha ha ha.

Strange life. Makes me laugh.





Nooooo!!!
I have
nothing
else to
write.



Crawling.

MY HEAD ALWAYS
GOES BLANK. *Aging?*

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S WHY I
STARTED DRAWING MANGA.

EVEN IF I CAN'T EXPRESS MYSELF
MUCH, I CAN THROUGH MY MANGA.

*I was putting effort
into drawing Hagane and
Ruriha's bodies rather
than their faces.* ~

*I always have this ideal
body image in my head. I
can't draw it out precisely
yet, but have been working
on it every day.*

*Regardless of the
age and sex, it has
to look sexy, you
know.* ~

*Yeah. When I compare
that ideal body image in
my head to what I am
capable of drawing at
this point, I realize I
still have a lot to
work on.* ♪

*I don't like it to
be wild and sexy.
(Well, it depends on
the story.)*

*I always want to
draw something
that is sexy yet
intelligent looking.* ~

*When I am drawing
Hagane's waistline
and thinking about
Ruriha's costumes,
I am the happiest
person on earth.* ~

UUUH, CAN'T
TAKE IT.



It was so
exciting drawing
this character!! →

When I was writing, I
was thinking about Ms.
Tsubaki's youth. I was
imagining her having
an affair with two men
and suffering this
very passionate yet
complicated love.

What kind of story
is that? ♪

Even someone like
Ms. Tsubakai had a
very sad and tough
past. She wasn't just
an abnormal mother.

By the way, if I was
Hagane, I def-
initely would choose
Tsubaki, without a
doubt! Forgive me,
Ruriha. ♪

Anyhow, I will continue to
try my best to produce
something good. ♪



FINALLY, I
FILLED UP
FIVE PAGES!

I'M GOING TO
BED NOW.

